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## Man Charged With Killing His Girlfriend in Van Nuys

A 41-year-old man is scheduled to be arraigned today for allegedly killing his girlfriend last week in Van Nuys, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Osmar Gomez (3/22/74) was charged with one count of murder and a special allegation that he personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a box cutter, in case LAo8o659. He is expected to appear today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On March 24, Gomez was sitting in a truck with his girlfriend in an alley near Lemay Street and Kester Avenue in Van Nuys. Prosecutors said Gomez is accused of fatally stabbing her while she was in the front passenger seat of the vehicle.

Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$1 million. If convicted as charged, Gomez faces up to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by Los Angeles Police Department's Van Nuys Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.